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PATHS FOR ANGLERS
The number of telephone calls made to this office by persons who sought information on the subject of house bill 157 indicate a widespread interest in its terms. This is the bill relating to anglers' riverside paths whose passage by the Oregon house was reported in the news on Wednesday. Most of those who read the story from Salem got the impression that the bill by legislative fiat makes all lands along fishing streams open to the public.

Well, that is just not so. Indeed, it is beyond the power of the Oregon or any other legislature to enact such a law. House bill 157 proposes to amend section 16 of chapter 275 of the laws enacted by the 1941 legislature. That was a game commission law and section 16 authorized the commission to spend its funds for the acquisition of hunting grounds and, in doing so, to use the power of eminent domain. It was under this statute, we believe, that the public hunting grounds at Summer lake were bought. The amendment now proposed extends these powers to "fishing grounds." Private property rights are not attacked by the bill though, of course, the power to encroach on them, after compensation is made, is given the game commission. The condition is no different from that obtaining in the matter of roads and highways. The highway commission, the city, the county court—each may take land over which the public wants to pass.

The inquiries we have received have been from persons who have gone on to tell us of what they have suffered from those young and old, who have used or crossed their river front lots for fishing. It is a story of broken fences, trampled flower beds and debris-strewn paths. It is not a record that sportsmen would make. The only reply we could offer was that unfortunately all anglers were not sportsmen.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF SCOUTING
It was an Englishman, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, who initiated the boy scout movement in his home country in 1908. It took hold in America in the following year and this week the boy scouts of America are celebrating their 35th anniversary. More than half the world membership of 3,000,000 is found in the United States.

The fact that Hitler and Mussolini banned scouting in Germany and Italy is a strong testimonial to the honesty, the tolerance, the freedom and the democracy of the movement. We have seen it working in our own country in both peace and war building character and citizenship. Scouting in this area is now on a firm footing and financially well supported. We hail this national anniversary and hope for the growth of the movement wherever boys are growing up to be good citizens—and that means everywhere democracy flourishes.

Since noting here the other day that 18 state legislatures have approved the resolution proposing a 25 per cent ceiling on federal income, gift and inheritance taxes we have learned that progress toward approval is being made in six other states. In California and Virginia the lower house of the state legislature has voted favorably and so has the senate in Nevada, Ohio, Louisiana and New York. There is plenty of precedent for favorable action in the Oregon legislature.

Others Say ...

SERIOUSLY, WHY NOT OREGON CITY?
(Oregon City Enterprise)
An editorial in the Corvallis Gazette-Times listing the possible airports for Oregon in the post-war development period comes to the conclusion that with the number already mentioned and those in prospect, there would be an airport at every filling station figuratively speaking if the federal government's plans are carried out. According to the Gazette-Times the plans already announced call for the improvements in the following airports with federal money, and in some instances this means a new airport for some of those mentioned are little more than pastures: Albany, Arlington, Ashland, Astoria, Aurora, Baker, Bendon, Beaverton, Bend, Boardman, Brookings, Burns, Carnas Valley, Canby, Chemult, Childs, Clifton, Condon, Corvallis, Cottage Grove, Crater Lake, Dallas, Drewsey, Enterprise, Eugene,

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A SONG to REMEMBER by Willard Wiener

THE STORY: At the age of 10, Frederic Chopin's dexterity at the pianoforte has already made him a person of note in the little Polish village of Zelazowa Wola. Count Skarbek, owner of the village, has requested that he play in a public concert at Warsaw. Frederic confides in Professor Elsner that he and his young friends have been having secret meetings and when they grow up intend to fight for the freedom of Poland, which is under the rule of the Russian Czar. Elsner is sympathetic, dreams of the day when the Paris musical world will acknowledge Frederic's genius.

THE CONCERT
The excitement of preparing for Frederic's first public performance had its effect on Mamma Chopin. She was put to bed with a fever and it was thought she would not be well enough to attend. "I am not sick," Mamma said. "How perfectly ridiculous!" She called for Fritzen and the boy went into the bedroom and stood alongside Mamma's bed and took Mamma's hand. "Frederic, did they tell you Mamma was sick?" "Yes, Mamma." "That is a terrible thing to tell you. Look at me. Does your Mamma look sick?" "No, Mamma." "I am not sick yet they won't let me get up. What am I to do? I am as well as anybody but to them that doesn't make any difference, I must still do as they say. Well, I will do it, of course. I am not so stubborn. I will do it if only to show them. But when they say I am sick, I want to laugh in their faces. Fritzen, my darling, your Mamma can laugh as heartily as any of them." She laughed and Fritzen joined in the laughter. "Now, my darling, there are just one or two things I must tell you."

"Yes, Mamma." "Your Mamma is not sick. That is the first thing. But do I have to tell you that? You can see for yourself. Now the next thing, Fritzen—the night air is not good for you. You will please see that your coat is tight about your neck, and do not open it, whatever you do." "I won't open it, Mamma." "Well, then I am sure you won't. Now, my darling, kiss your Mamma on the cheek." Frederic placed his lips on her warm cheeks that were wet with tears.

"No, Fritzen, I am not crying. Why would I cry? This is all such nonsense. My children—they are all beautiful, talented children—every one." "Well, there is only this to say—when you walk out on the stage and you see all those people in front of you, looking up at you, you must not cry, or run away. Hold your head up, firm, Fritzen, show me exactly how you are going to hold your head up." "I will hold it like this, Mamma." "Yes, firm. And always, no matter what happens, hold your head up. And when you play, Fritzen, remember you are playing for your Mamma and your Papa and for your dear sisters, who are always proud of you, and for Professor Elsner. Nothing—nothing in the world must make

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS
--- AND IF YOU EVER BRING THAT KID TO A HOCKEY GAME AGAIN, YOU'LL HAVE TO TURN IN YOUR UNIFORM!
YES, SIR! THAT BEAN-SHOOTER OF HIS CAUSED US TO LOSE ONE GAME -- AND THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE ANOTHER!
AND IF I DON'T TAKE JUNIOR TO THE GAMES, HE THREATENS TO TELL EVERYBODY HE'S BEEN DOING MY HOMEWORK FOR ME! A FINE KETTLE OF FISH!
MOM, WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO SAY A PRAYER, AND GET AN IMMEDIATE ANSWER?

Washington Column

By Peter Edson (NEA Staff Correspondent)
Washington, D. C.—Most promising development seen on the stabilization front in recent months was the ease with which office of price administration put over its roll-back orders on clothing.

As a result, OPA Administrator Chester Bowles is willing to say openly that the scare of inflation can be licked, that stabilization can be achieved. The situation today is described as still critical, but not impossible. It is dependent on three things: Holding the line on wages. Enforcement of present price ceilings. Renewal of the price control act in its present form.

Whenever the subject of wages is brought up in the presence of the price administrator, he changes the subject. That isn't his baby. He won't even indulge in a little speculation on what might happen to prices if the wage formula should be broken and a series of pay raises should go into effect in war industries. But the implications are obvious. General wage increases right across the board would almost inevitably lead to some price adjustments in consumer goods and services and put a severe strain on the cost of living index by which stabilization is measured. Enforcement of present price ceilings and rationing regulations is interpreted as pretty largely a matter of budget. The 3,100 OPA enforcement officers now scattered about the country—an average of only about one per county—can't begin to do the job of inspection necessary except in a spot-check sort of way, or going after the worst offenders.

Renewal of the present price control act for another 18 months or until six months after the end of the war with Germany is not expected to cause a great deal of commotion in Congress this session. Congress went through its string of investigations of OPA last year. Pressure groups from private industry and blocs in Congress with special interests have eased

up in their demands for breaking OPA controls. That has been done by writing regulations which provide definite limits within the law. In the case of the new clothing regulations, more materials were ordered diverted into garments selling in the lower price ranges. It should have been done a year ago, says Bowles. That it was not done was due to the reluctance of war production board officials then in charge of textiles to be concerned over civilian clothing supplies. What really scares Bowles, he says, is the fear that some day Mrs. Brown will get the idea that Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Jones have been getting away with murder in black market buying and will set out to do the same things she thinks her neighbors are doing, regardless of ration coupons or cost. If that ever happens, it will be the end of stabilization. Chlorine dioxide is used dry for bleaching starch, flour, wool grease and other materials, and in solution, in bleaching soap, paper and textiles, and in removing objectionable tastes and odors in public water supplies.

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